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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Today, as I write this message, I am busy with the final Christmas preparations here at home and finishing up the events for the season at the Scandinavian Cultural Center. Hopefully you were able to attend at least one of our annual holiday festivities: the Norwegian Language

Service, our Nordic Jul Dinner (sold-out!), or the Sankta Lucia program involving several PLU students.

This time of the year especially I think of the generations gone before us and the traditions instilled in us. Why do we keep these so close to our hearts? For me, as I make the krumkake, lefse, or other kinds of cookies or put up the Nordic Jul decorations, I am thinking of my mother, my aunts, my grandmother and all the happy times we had together! It is our connection to loved ones, to the important people in our common history, and to those who influenced and informed us as we live our lives today that draws us to the traditions we keep.

In an activity at the SCC Council meeting in October, we were asked to write down one person who we were grateful for. Many of us around the table were inspired

to mention someone who had been important to the founding of the Scandinavian Cultural Center, or a professor who influences us still, or an elder family member who instilled in us the Scandinavian roots we still value and hold dear. How about you? What traditions do you keep in your family? Who are you grateful for and how do you remember them?

Certainly, the SCC is built on the lessons and contributions of the past that we continue to respect and to honor today. As we go forward, we look ahead with anticipation to the new year, new activities here at the SCC, and new ways to continue to make the Scandinavian Cultural Center a vital and important part of the Pacific Lutheran University Campus and the wider Tacoma area. Our Director, Dr. Jason Schroeder, already has many things planned for you and for the SCC in 2019. What traditions would you like the SCC to continue? What are your ideas for new ways? Please feel free to drop us a line or give us a call. Tell us how we are doing, what traditions you would like to keep, and what new ideas you have for us!

Godt nytt år,
Gerda Hunter



DANISH HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND THE SWEATER EXCHANGE

The Nordic Sweater Exchange and the Danish Holiday Bazaar happened on Saturday, November 17, 2018 and was a resounding success. The Danish Sisterhood reported that they sold twice as many æbleskiver as last year. We estimate total attendance to be around 1000 people. But it is the number of æbleskiver sold that we see as the real measure of success!







ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET





The Christmas Banquet this year was very well attended, with over 110 guests. We heard from attendees that they loved the banquet. We are deeply grateful to Carlin Harris, Gerda Hunter, and the Banquet Committee for their hard work and steady steering to make the event so memorable!



SANKTA LUCIA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: KRISTI FLOYD

The Scandinavian Cultural Center is proud to award Kristi Floyd with the annual Betty Larson Lucia scholarship for this academic year. The pool of candidates who apply for this scholarship participate in the Sankta Lucia Festival by working with children on dances and crafts, and singing the Lucia songs at nursing homes, charity events, and at the public event at PLU. They also write an essay describing people in their lives whom they feel embody the quality of Lucia: steadfastness, charity, purity, and bringing light into a dark world. Then all of the applicants are interviewed one-on-one by three members of the Lucia Committee. The essays, interviews, and sense of service as exemplified through participation in the Lucia Festival are all combined to determine who should be crowned PLU's Lucia.

Kristi Floyd, our 2018-2019 Lucia Winner, will be graduating this spring with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies. She hopes to have a career in conservation biology with an emphasis on community engagement.

She is currently the treasurer for the Scandinavian Club here at PLU and has been participating in Lucia since she was 7 years old. Growing up in a Scandinavian household, Kristi is very familiar with Scandinavian traditions such as Rosemaling, lefse making parties, Nordic skiing, and baking saffron buns in the oven on December 13th. Kristi was also lucky enough to be able to study biodiversity during Fall Semester of her junior year in Telemark, Norway; combining her academic passions with her heritage. She describes it as "absolutely breathtaking and academically rigorous, but I loved every minute!"

Congratulations Kristi and thank you to everyone who participated in our Sankta Lucia Celebration. A special thanks is due to Jeanette Wiggins, the Lucia Committee Chair, Kim Kittilsby, Kate Emanuel-French for organizing 2018's celebration. We also express our deep gratitude to the Betty and Edgar Larson for establishing funding for the Lucia Celebration and Scholarship in the name of Betty Larson.





NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Rev. Art Sortland presided over the Norwegian Language Christmas on Wednesday evening, December 5. We were fortunate to have PLU student, Charles Reinmuth play the organ for the service. The Normanna Male Chorus sang carols, led by Jon Malmin. Jean Malmin played the piano for the Chorus. About 50 members attended the vespers service in the Ness Family Chapel followed by Norwegian baked goodies and fellowship in the Ness Family Lobby. Thanks to all who made it happen!



UPCOMING EVENTS



TEXTILE TECHNOLOGIES EXHIBIT

There is still time to stop by and check out our current exhibit, Textiles and Technologies. This beautiful exhibit features techniques of twining, weaving, and much more! Stop by during our open hours to learn more! The Exhibit will be up through early March, 2019.

Curated by Melody Stepp and Linda Caspersen



UPCOMING LECTURE: "THE ESAGA PROJECT: TRANSLATING OLD NORSE LITERATURE FOR A DIGITAL-AGE AUDIENCE"

Thursday, March 21st at 7 pm in the SCC

How do scholars and translators make Icelandic sagas comprehensible and accessible to audiences that don't live in medieval Iceland? On March 21st at 7 PM, the SCC will host folklorist and Icelandic saga scholar, Colin G. Conors who will explain his process of creating Hrafnkel's saga as a digital book which help to overcome lack of medieval Icelandic cultural knowledge for modern readers through a new translation which includes easy to access contextual and connotative information. The lecture promises to be exciting and enlightening. There will be a reception.

2019 WINTER CALENDAR

OPEN HOURS

Sunday: 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

All events take place in the SCC and are free unless otherwise noted.

- Jan. 20 (Sun) Danish Sangaften, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 2 (Sat) Rosemaling with Elizabeth Estep, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$35
- Feb. 6 (Wed) Danish Sisterhood, 11 a.m.
- Feb. 6 (Wed) Sámi National Day, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 13 (Wed) Council meeting, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 17 (Sun) Danish Sangaften, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 20 (Wed) Genealogy Workshop, 1-3 p.m.
- Mar. 6 (Wed) Danish Sisterhood, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Mar. 12 (Tues) Norwegian Cooking Class 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$5
- Mar. 13 (Wed) SCC Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 17 (Sun) Danish Sangaften, 2 p.m.
- Mar. 21 (Thurs) Lecture by Colin G. Conors
- Mar 22-23 (Fri-Sat) Hardanger Embroidery Workshop, \$50, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Mar. 23 (Sat) Norwegian Cooking Class 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$5
- Mar. 27 (Wed) Norwegian Cooking Class 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$5

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL CENTER

As a member, you will have the opportunity to volunteer in areas of specific interest to you. For example, SCC members serve on the Scandinavian Cultural Center Council, teach cooking and language classes, help with exhibit preparation and much more. Another way to volunteer is by serving as a docent during regularly scheduled public hours. To find out more about volunteering, send us an email at scancntr@plu.edu or call 253-535-7349.



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